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Official Diary  
(Acting DD/I)

Wednesday, 24 December 1952

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1. At morning meeting, [REDACTED] raised a question of why important informants particularly returnee scientists were not given medical examination to see whether or not they had been "broken" and then filled with guff of some sort which they relayed to our interrogators believing same to be the truth. He referred to the current unreliability of [REDACTED]. He also stated that attempts to initiate such a procedure had been made by [REDACTED] but had been blocked at some point. This matter should be investigated starting with [REDACTED] 25X1A9a

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2. Conferred with Sherman Kent [REDACTED] On the QT he has been in touch with Paul Nitze. He very much appreciated the circular telegram cooked up by [REDACTED] my-25X1A9a self and [REDACTED] and felt that if responses were received early Monday morning they would be in time to be of use. Therefore, instructed [REDACTED] not to send the outgoing as priority which would mean they might route the recipients out of bed on the Blessed Yule Morning but rather to indicate need for response by 12/29 AM.

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3. Also discussed [REDACTED] and General Porter's suggested addendum which I had felt was very questionable. Kent said none of the Agency representatives wanted any part of it and were particularly at a loss to see how the third and fourth paragraphs could even be suggested inasmuch as they were plainly contradicted in the text. He raised the question as to whether or not DCI would like to take a hand in order to keep the JIG from making a fool of itself, or putting it another way, "Is the liberum footnote completely unlimited?" Considering the fact that this estimate will have very limited distribution, I have decided not to raise the matter with the Director.

4. Talked to AD/CI and chided him mildly for failure to carry through the program of support of the Board that had been informally agreed to. Impressed on him my fear that continued foot-dragging on the part of O/CI would inevitably result in the Board's turning to the DD/P's side for intelligence guidance on out-of-the-way places with the result that the area desks across the pool would speak for the Agency through the medium of National Estimates. He promised to try and have his people take a more active part in the estimating, in furnishing factual support for the estimators.

5. Left the office at 1300.

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